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Of the FIGHT between the

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Sent in a Letter by His Highness Prince Waldeck, which is as followeth. 1. July. 1690.

Dated at Brussels 3d. of July.

High and mighty Lords,

SINCE I gave my self this Honour to acquaint your Highnesses of the unhappy success of a Battel between your Highnesses Army and that of France; This is to let you know, that the Enemy having passed the *Sambre*, it was necessary for me to go and meet them to prevent their Designs; so I gave the Van-Guard to Lieutenant General *Wembenum*, with a great Party of the Horse, and I my self followed with the Body of the Army to *Melle*, where I Encamp't: The General *Flodorff* having been afterwards Commanded towards *Namur*, with Orders to do his Duty with that Garrison; he brought word in his March, he perceiv'd high *Flerans* our Enemies Troops, and we had advice afterwards, that a great Body of their Army was in march, which oblig'd me to draw my Army up in Batallia. As for what pass'd that day, between the Count of *Flodorff*'s Detachment and the French, I have written to Monsieur the Pensionaire *Heynsius*; so that your Highnesses may be informed of him. When I perceived the Enemy was returned to their Camp the same Night, the 30th. of June, we rested all night, and ranged in Batallia; and it was thought fit the Army should be more advantageously posted then it was now, but having understood the next Morning, that the French had not changed their ground, we thought it not necessary to remove without knowing where the Enemies marched, who presently appeared, followed by the whole Army, which presently drawed up before that of your Highnesses, and endeavoured to surround by marching along the Flanck of our left Wing. We endeavoured wite all the care imaginable to shun it, and draw'd some Troops from the Point of the Right Wing to reinforce the Flanck and the Rear: The Prince of *Larbruge*, Monsieur *D'huby* the Spanish General, and the Prince of *Birkenfolt* with the Brigadeers, Commanded,

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manded that Wing, whilst the Prince of Nassaw, Governour of *Friesland*, the Lieutenant General *Aylva*, Lieutenant General *Weblynium*, with their Brigaders, Commanded the Right Wing, with the Body of the Battel; we entrusted Lieutenant General *Delwich* with the two first Lines, which was seconded by his Brigaders. The Count *Flodorff* was ready at call; we disposed of the Cannon and Baggage, the best way we thought fit. After which the Enemy both Foot and Horse poured upon our Left Wing, and upon the Flank with so much fury, that several Squadrons of the 2 first Lines were put into disorder, and had no sooner reinforced them, but the *French* attacked a fresh our Horse, which was supported by the Foot, who acted very Courageously; the Lieutenant General *Huby*, was detached from the Right Wing, to attack the Enemy in the Flank, which they did with so much success, that they brought off some of their Canon; but they being much more in Number than we, they poured upon us instantly with fresh Forces, which was vigorously supported 6 or 7 hours. After which having no more Horse to assist us, we were obliged to attack both their Horse and Foot, with our Foot only, who had so good Success, that the *French* daring no more to attack us. I retreated with 9 whole Regiments, amongst which were the Lieutenant General *Ailva* and *Webbedum*, and came to *Niville*, afterwards I brought them hither with four other Regiments, who joyned us in the March.

The two Princes of Nassaw, with several Regiments retired to *Charles Roy*, so that I cannot tell what Regiments remain; but according to the Report that is here, there be 20 yet in good condition, and several other indifferent, but not so bad, but that they may be quickly recruited: And your Highnesses Forces have taken from the Enemy several Standards and Colours, of which I will give your Highnesses an Account, as well as of the Officers and Souldiers that are killed, so soon as I shall have an Account my self. We might have brought away some Canon from the Enemy with our Foot, had not our Horse failed us. I have done my Duty as much as my advanced Age would permit: I could not prevent this ill Fortune. I hope that God will for the future bless your Highnesses Arms with Success, and that by a soon re-establishment of your Army and other Necessaries, may grant you a happy Campaign. We are making here a Body, with a design to fight them again, so soon as the Electoral Highness of Brandenburg's Army shall arrive.

Brussels, 3d. of July.

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